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REF: THE HAGUE 6386

1. FOLLOWING CONVERSATION ON ANOTHER SUBJECT NOV 20, MFA
POLITICAL DIRECTOR RUTTEN TOLD DCM WE SHOULD NOT EXPECT
ANSWER TO SECRETARYS LETTER ON CYPRUS FOR ANOTHER WEEK. HE
SAID POLITICAL DIRECTOS HAD HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF
CYPRUS SITUATION AND HAD AGREED ON GENERAL ELEMENTS TO BE
INCLUDED IN REPLY WHICH DUTCH PRESIDENCY WOULD NOW DRAFT AND
CIRCULATE FOR APPROVAL.

2. FIRST POINT WAS THAT EC-9 CONTINUED TO ATTACH GREAT
IMPORTANCE TO ANY EFFORT AIMED AT PROMOTING CONTACTS AND
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO CYPRIOT COMMUNITIES UNDER AUSPICES
OF UNSYG. SECOND POINT WAS THAT TIMING OF INITIATIVE SHOULD BE
DETERMINED IN RELATION TO CONTINUITY OF AMERICAN POLICY.
RUTTEN EXPLAINED POLITICAL DIRECTORS FELT THAT IF IT APPEARED
THAT INCOMING CARTER ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE FOLLOWING SAME
LINES AND THAT FACT COULD BE MADE KNOWN IN SOME WAY TO PARTIES
THERE WOULD BE NO REASON TO DELAY INITIATIVE. OTHERWISE IT
COULD BE ASSUMED GREKS AND GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD REJECT
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PRINCIPLES IN THE HOPE A NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION WOULD BE

MORE FORTHCOMING. THIRD, POLITICAL DIRECTOS CONTINUED TO BELIEVE SITUATION WAS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS AND CONSEQUENTLY URGENT. IF IN RESPONSE TO QUERY TO WASHINGTON THERE EMERGED ASSURANCES OF CONTINUITY OF POLICY, THEN EC-9 FAVORED PROCEEDING WITH PRINCIPLES. ON OTHER HAND, IN ABSENCE OF CERTAINTY CONCERNING FUTURE US POLICY, EC-9 WOULD PREFER TO DELAY UNTIL NEW ADMINISTRATION ARRIVED AT POLICY DECISION. RUTTEN ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME DISCUSSION WHETHER, IF US SUSPENDED ACTION ON PRINCIPLES BECAUSE OF CHANGE OF ADMINISTRATION, EC-9 SHOULD NOT PROCEED INDEPENDENTLY AND THAT REMAINED A POSSIBILITY.
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